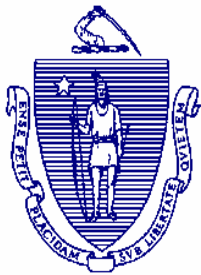


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, May 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Announcements

Notice on Toyobo Class Action Settlement regarding Zylon Bulletproof Vests

Please note there is another limited opportunity for anyone with a Second Chance vest to participate in the Toyobo Class Action Settlement. Toyobo is the exclusive manufacturer of Zylon. Anyone (or department) that had purchased a Second Chance Ultima, Ultimax, or Triflex vest may submit a late claim no later than **JULY 1, 2006**. For the purpose of this class action settlement, it makes no difference if you have already received a warranty replacement vest or any other remedy offered by Second Chance or its agents. Any Second Chance consumer is eligible.

To obtain the registration forms, either visit www.zylonvestclassaction.com or call 1-877-567-2754.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs

Letter of Intent Deadline: April 19, 2006

Application Deadline: July 28, 2006

The EOPS Programs Division is planning to award a Title V grant for \$53,440 to a unit of local government for one year with the potential for two additional years of funding. Title V provides states with the opportunity to fund delinquency prevention and early intervention programs for cities and towns that comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) core requirements, including removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups. EOPS will also be offering trainings for Title V grant applicants (see the conferences and trainings section for more information).

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

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FY 2006 Weed and Seed Program Guide and Application Kit: New Sites

Application Deadline: May 11, 2006

“Operation Weed and Seed is a strategy that aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high crime neighborhoods across the country. Weed and Seed sites range in size from several neighborhood blocks to a few square miles. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in “weeding out” violent crime and drug abuse; and “seeding” brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. Only officially recognized Weed and Seed Sites in good standing are eligible to apply for funding.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/2006WSNewSitesSol.pdf>

SAMHSA Drug Free Communities Support Mentoring Program

Application Deadline: May 12, 2006

“The purpose of the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Mentoring Program is to provide grant funds to existing DFC grantees (mentors) to support development and/or expansion of new community coalitions (mentees) that are focused on substance abuse prevention. The DFC Program is designed to achieve two goals: reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse; and establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, private nonprofit agencies, and federal, state, local and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. Applicants may request up to \$75,000. New mentor applicants may request project periods of up to 2 years.”

For more information: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/SP_06_004_dfcmentoring.aspx

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

Application Deadline: May 16, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice is seeking applications for funding under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (the “Coverdell program”). The Coverdell program awards grants to States and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services and/or to eliminate backlogs in the analysis of forensic evidence, including controlled substances, firearms examination, forensic pathology, latent prints, questioned documents, toxicology, and trace evidence. States may apply for both “base” (formula) and competitive funds. Units of local government may apply for competitive funds.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000745.pdf>

Youth Outreach for Victims Assistance (YOVA) Program

Application Deadline: May 16, 2006

“The National Crime Prevention Council and the National Center for Victims of Crime are seeking applicants for the Youth Outreach for Victim Assistance (YOVA) Program. The YOVA program seeks to raise awareness about teen victimization and services that can help teen victims of crime, and to provide resources to victim service providers so they can better reach and serve teen victims. At least 20 new sites will be selected to participate during the 2006-2007 school year to plan and implement a youth-led public awareness campaign.”

For more information: http://www.ncpc.org/programs/yova/grant_opportunity.php

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SAMHSA Prevention of Methamphetamine Abuse

Application Deadline: May 16, 2006

“The US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is seeking applications to addresses the growing problem of methamphetamine abuse and addiction. This grant program will assist localities to expand prevention interventions that are effective and evidence-based and/or to increase capacity through infrastructure development. Annual awards are expected to range from \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year in total costs (direct and indirect) for up to 3 years.”

For more information: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/SP_06_005_prevmeth.aspx

Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals, Older Women, and Residents of Residential Care Facilities

Application Deadline: June 6, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice is soliciting proposals for research and evaluation in the area of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation (including abuse of individuals who reside either in the community or in residential care facilities). Priority research areas include: studies that identify and explore forensic markers of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect among the elderly living in any setting; evaluate programs designed to detect, prevent, investigate, prosecute, or otherwise respond to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; examine risk and protective factors associated with elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, explore the nature, incidence and prevalence of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; and evaluate the implementation or impact of a coordinated community response to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000746.pdf>

Research and Publications

Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) report presents comprehensive information on juvenile offending and victimization as well as the justice system’s response to these problems. This report aims to provide Congress, state legislators and policymakers, professors and teachers, juvenile justice professionals, and concerned citizens empirically based answers to frequently asked questions about juvenile crime and victimization. Statistics are taken from a variety of sources and analysis includes user friendly tables, graphs, and maps.

Access full text at: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/nr2006/downloads/NR2006.pdf>

Identity Theft, 2004

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Data is presented by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) on identity theft victimization and its consequences from the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). New questions about identity theft were added to the victimization survey in July 2004 and this is the first report to summarize these findings. Characteristics of identity theft are also discussed and include economic loss, how the theft was discovered, whether misuse is ongoing, and problems experienced as a result of the identity theft.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/it04.pdf>

Solutions for Safer Communities: FY 2004 Annual Report to Congress

Bureau of Justice Assistance

This recently released Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) report describes the funding, technical assistance, and resources provided by BJA in fiscal year 2004 to support efforts to reduce and prevent crime. Also included are examples of jurisdictions and organizations throughout the nation with successful programs that positively impacted their communities.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/FY2004AnnualReport.pdf>

Crime and the Nation's Households, 2004

Bureau of Justice Statistics

This Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) survey presents findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey regarding the percentage of households or persons in households who are victimized. Findings are presented by region and by household size, and trends in victimization are also discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cnh04.pdf>

Conferences and Trainings

Achieving Community National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance: Next Steps

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will be conducting a series of NIMS Compliance Workshops throughout the Commonwealth. Two hour workshops will take place between April 10th and May 11th. These Emergency Management Workshops will focus on NIMS compliance activities for local entities for FY 2006 and beyond. This unique opportunity will describe in detail both the actions that local communities must take by the end of federal FY 2006 (September 30, 2006) to be compliant with NIMS and the technical assistance available from various state agencies to provide support. For a complete list of dates and locations and contact information see the attached PDF document.

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

May 15-19, 2006 in Wenham, MA

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, in conjunction with the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), is sponsoring a training course in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST). This class will be offered only to officers who have successfully completed the SFST class that has been offered through the MPTC academies since 1987. This one day course is designed to bring officers up to date in the newest SFST curriculum.

For further information: www.mass.gov/eops

Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs

May 18 and June 8, 9, and 29 in Boston, MA

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is making a consultant available to the Commonwealth to coach potential applicants through preparation for submitting an application for the Title V Incentive Grant for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs (for information about the Title V grant announcement see the EOPS funding opportunities section above). Title V applicants are required to attend three trainings: Community Team Orientation, Data Collection and Analysis, and Plan and Program Development.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

Preventing Gangs in Our Communities

May 23 and June 6, 2006

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) are presenting two free, live, interactive webcasts and satellite broadcasts to explore ways to prevent gangs, which have become increasingly dangerous to the safety and security of our nation's communities. Participants can view the programs live from any computer or via satellite broadcast and submit questions to the experts through e-mail.

For more information: <http://www.dojconnect.com/>

30th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) Conference and Exposition

June 5-9, 2006 in Grapevine, TX

The International Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) conference provides an opportunity for law enforcement executives and information management specialist to exchange information on technology initiatives focusing on computer and information management technologies. This is an international law enforcement technology conference that is designed for practitioners by practitioners.

For more information: <http://www.iacptechnology.org/2006LEIM.htm>

The Aging with Dignity Conference: Preventing and Responding to Alcohol and Other Drug Problems Among Older People

June 6, 2006 in Worcester, MA

Registration Deadline: May 30, 2006

This training on preventing and responding to alcohol and other drug problems among older people is sponsored by the MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and the Office of Healthy Aging, Center for Community Health; The MA Geriatric Substance Abuse Task Force; The MA Association of Councils on Aging and Senior Center Directors & AdCare Educational Institute, Inc. Goals of the conference include describing important issue in geriatric substance abuse, identifying strategies to deal with geriatric substance abuse, and networking and exchanging information with other health and human service professionals working on similar issues.

For more information: http://mass.gov/dph/fch/elderhealth/aging_with_dignity_060904.htm

Two Day Training on Danger Assessment and Risk Management for Domestic Violence Responders

June 7-8, 2006 in Worcester, MA

This two-day training, presented by Emerge, is designed for members of domestic violence teams who are recipients of VAWA STOP Grants or Byrne Grants, including police officers, victim advocates, probation officers, prosecutors, and child welfare workers. This training is also open to criminal justice or victim advocacy agencies that do not currently receive Byrne or VAWA STOP grants but are collaborating to address domestic violence. This training will give participants up-to-date information about risk markers for domestic homicides and serious assaults and help participants to identify more comprehensive and safe practices for assessing danger, protecting victims, and monitoring batterers. Training registration form and contact information is attached.

Terrorism Symposium

June 12-13, 2006 in Denver, CO

The National Institute of Justice is hosting this event for law enforcement officials who deal with terrorism in their states, cities, and communities. Panelists will share research findings and state and local officials will be invited to describe their challenges and experiences in interactive sessions. Topics will include: how to identify warning signs, what local prosecutors are doing to combat terrorism, ways to improve cooperation between law enforcement and Arab communities, securing shopping malls and seaports, and money laundering.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/register_ts.html

DNA Grantees Workshop

June 26-28, 2006 in Arlington, VA

The National Institute of Justice is announcing this DNA grantee workshop as a forum for discussion on the current and future needs of public crime laboratories and how new technological innovations can help meet those needs. The workshop will also give researchers the opportunity to provide project updates, practitioners to discuss casework issues and concerns, and for researchers and practitioners to work in partnership.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html>

Criminal Intelligence Systems Training

July 13, 2006 in Franklin, MA

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJA) is offering a training, co-hosted by NESPIN, on the guidelines governing the operation of federally funded criminal intelligence systems. The training includes information on the following topics: training overview and resources, 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23, complying with the regulation, storing criminal intelligence, inquiry and dissemination, and review and purge. Attend if your agency operates a criminal intelligence system governed by 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23; participates in a criminal intelligence system such as a RISS center, HIDTA, or a state intelligence system; or is considering establishing a multijurisdictional criminal intelligence system. There is no registration fee but the class size is limited.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/28cfr/Franklin.htm>

In The News

Crime Fight Focuses on ER Intervention

***Boston Globe*, April 6, 2006**

According to a recent *Boston Globe* article, Boston anticrime officials are turning their attention to hospital emergency rooms. The goal is to interrupt cycles of violence by offering counseling, drug treatment, and other help to victims of gunshot wounds and stabbings. City health officials indicate that these victims are more likely to have substance abuse problems and mental health issues and are nearly 50 percent more likely to get hurt again because of violence than are those who have never been victims of these crimes.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/04/05/crime_fight_focuses_on_er_intervention/

Police Department to Scrutinize Productivity

***Boston Globe*, April 14, 2006**

Boston police officials have developed a new monitoring program to track the productivity of police officers, the *Boston Globe* reports. The monitoring system utilizes measures such as arrests made, interrogations conducted, tickets written, and time spent on leave. Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole said that the department is using computer technology that can collect and analyze what individual officers do on the job.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/04/13/police_dept_to_scrutinize_productivity/

Prisoner Re-Entry "Buzz" Gathers Some Steam

***Newsweek*, April 17, 2006**

According to *Newsweek*, Attorney General Janet Reno asked a simple question back in 1999: "What are we doing about all the people coming out of prison?" No one had an answer, but the search has driven initiatives that may essentially alter how society deals with people who have served time in prison. For instance, Police Chief Edward Davis of Lowell, MA, implemented a new approach that involved visiting each prisoner upon his or her release. The goal was to deliver a two-part message of caution and encouragement. The first part warned offenders that they were being watched and the second part offered to connect ex-prisoners with services to help them get on their feet. Lowell has seen a dramatic decrease in serious crime.

Access full text at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12334540/site/newsweek/>

Menino, Bloomberg Announce Gun Summit

***Boston Globe*, April 18, 2006**

According to the *Boston Globe*, Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Boston announced that he and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York will meet with mayors from more than a dozen other cities to discuss strategies to prevent gun violence. Menino contacted Bloomberg after hearing him talk about gun violence in his inaugural address. The Mayor said that he and Bloomberg would form a panel and travel the country asking other mayors to join them in developing and lobbying for federal legislation to help cities and towns deal with gun violence.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/04/19/mayors_will_meet_about_gun_violence/

Public Safety, and Fears Stressed

***The Republican*, April 21, 2006**

According to *The Republican*, a regional planning commission met recently to discuss economic development projects and priorities. The commission gave special attention to Springfield's effort to combat crime and homelessness. Officials said that the planning commission provides an annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy report to the federal Economic Development Administration, which prioritizes projects in the region and is crucial to receiving funds.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/springfield/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-3/1145605851284860.xml&coll=1>

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